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Evening Division Enjoys Continued Growth

Mount Wachusett Community College Continuing Education Program began in 1965 to serve the adult population of North Central Massachusetts. It was and is a self-supporting endeavor under the aupices of the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges. The programs that are offered lead to the degree of Associate of Arts or Associate in Science.

These courses are at the college level and parallel those in the Day College. Continuing Education also provides special vocational certificates programs in Motion and Time Study, Law Enforcement, and TV Repair. The variety of needs that Continuing Education satisfies for the adult population of North Central Massachusetts includes an opportunity to gain personal enrichment, earn an Associate Degree, remedy academic deficiencies, and to accelerate their educational progress.

In recent years the Evening College has successfully offered non-credit Community Service courses to provide yet another educational experience for the community. An example of some of these courses are: Automobile Mechanics for the Layman, Modern Mathematics for Parents, Photography as a Hobby, and Beginning Organ Playing, Antiques, plus several other courses.

In addition to courses at the Gardner campus, the Evening College also conducts courses at Fort Devens, Athol, Bolton, and Keene, N. H. This approach of bringing education to the students has proven most successful. For the current second semester these four satellite campuses account for 21% of the total evening enrollment.

Professor Ottmar W. Eckardt, Director of Continuing Education, recently reported the following statistics for the current semester to Dr. Arthur F. Haley, President of Mount Wachusett Community College. The number of course registrations in the 82 courses in progress is 1,548. With most colleges experiencing a decline in enrollments, the Evening College at Mount Wachusett Community College continues to challenge the national trend with their increasing enrollments. Enrollments in-

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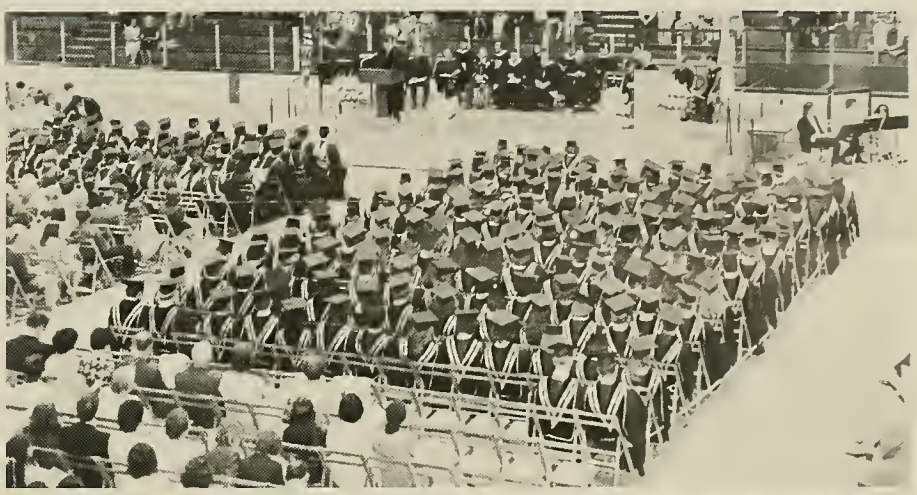
254 Graduate at 8th Commencement Exercises



Wallace Civic Center, Fitchburg was the scene of this year's Commencement Exercises. Two hundred and fifty-four members of the Class of '73 received Associate Degrees.
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Two hundred and fifty four persons received associate degrees at Mount Wachusett Community College's Eighth Commencement Exercises. Dean of Faculty John H. Bassett presided at the ceremonies held at the Wallace Civic Center in Fitchburg on Saturday, June 2.

The procession of the students and faculty, led by faculty marshal John McLaughlin, was accompanied by music provided by the Westminster Brass Ensemble. Bagpiper Stuart Paul, representing the college's symbol — the Highlander, led the distinguished guests to the platform.

Joining President Haley and Dean Bassett were Dean of Students, John Hogan; Dean of Administration, Richard Jeffrey; Executive Director of the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges, John Costello; President of the Mt. Wachusett Community College Foundation, Frank Hirons; members of MWCC's advisory board, Daniel Despotopulos, Cynthia Walker, Anthony DiGeronimo, Leo LaChance, Robert Fitzgerald; Commandant of Ft. Deven's Army Security Agency, Colonel Robert W. Lewis; member of the Massachusetts Board of Community Colleges, Robert Cataldo; Clergymen Ronald Provost and Raymond Aho; Representative Raymond Lafontaine and Senator Robert A. Hall.

In his address of welcome to the graduates MWCC President Dr. Arthur F. Haley presented some interesting statistics about the Class of '73. Among the new degree holders 27 of them were students in the evening school, three were veterans and 4 were grandparents. This year saw for the first time, five graduates of the educational programs the college sponsors at Ft. Devens, and the first graduate in the fire science curriculum Paul Angelini, deputy chief of the Leominster Fire Department.

After his address Dr. Haley presented in behalf of the college awards to two local legislators. Representative Raymond M. Lafontaine of the 15th Worcester Legislative District was honored in behalf of his efforts for the college throughout the years and state Senator Robert A. Hall received an award as an outstanding graduate of MWCC.

Divisional awards were then presented to deserving students. Recipients of the Business Division's awards were Paul Haggstrom, Jon Schrader, Cheryl Letourneau, and Donald Progen. Elaine Chaisson, Eugene Laford, John Roche, and Linda Gosselin were honored by the Humanities Division.

The Science and Technology Division presented awards to Dennis Cormier, Henri Arsenault, Donald Brouillet, and David Boudreau. David Gobin, Steven D'Agostino, Steven Chapman, and Mary Graham were hon-

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President's Message

DR. ARTHUR F. HALEY

June 2, 1973 marked the eighth graduation exercise for Mount Wachusett Community College. With each of the previous years there have been marked changes in education throughout our Nation. Unfortunately some changes have been heralded by unreasoning violence, by the failure to apply timetested methods of accomplishing change within the letter and the intent of the laws of the land, and by the lack of application of rationalization achieved through open forum discussion.

We at Mount Wachusett Community College, in this prior period, have been fortunate not to have experienced this irrational behavior. However, to suggest that we have not subjected ourselves to close inspection, would be to deny the facts as they exist. We, like all institutions, must define our goals and objectives in definable, quantifiable terms. We, at all times, must keep in sight our motto, the broadest of educational goals; we must continue to be dedicated to "Service to Man And His World."

Our challenge is to meet this role. We must insure the relevancy of a comprehensive educational institution serving a vast array of unique individual needs. To help us meet the needs of a society that is in the midst of an accelerated evolution of its educational, social, cultural, and industrial mores, we have conducted faculty workshops. This program began in 1972; on May 29th, 1973 the Faculty completed its second series of workshop seminars. In these open forums we have critically examined such areas as grading policies, overall college philosophy, instructional methodology, and institutional motivation. From these open discussions originates the seeds of change.

As we complete our eighth graduation, I extend both my personal and the faculty's congratulations to the Class of '73. If they, from their educational experience, have learned the need for the application of the full democratic process in the study and application of change, then Mount Wachusett Community College has indeed accomplished a significant part of its role in service to man and his world.

Awards Banquet Honors Extra-Curricular Activities

Over 200 people attended MWCC's Awards Banquet this year at the Westminster Country Club. President Arthur F. Haley and his wife were joined at the head table by Dean of Students John Hogan, Assistant Dean of Students David Halvorsen and his wife, Student Council President Peter Lore, and Student Council Vice President Jeannie Roy. Lore served as host of the ceremonies and introduced the advisors of the various organizations who distributed the awards to the participating students.

Jackets were presented by men's soccer coach John Cataline to his squad consisting of: Constantinos Tsioulis, Tom Kolodziejczak, Butch Praplaski, George Broulliet, Joe Kanicki, Doug Kennedy, Greg Basque, Gary Fisher, Robert Woo, Ron Hubert, Jim Brehia, Roland Jenkins, Bill Graves, Gary LeBlanc, Mike Remillard, Leo Baldwin, and Jim Breth.

Baseball Coach John Awdycki presented the following athletes jackets: Bernie Cote, Steve Dolan, Wilfred Gamache, Ron Hubert, Dan LeBlanc, Peter Legendre, Roland Mailloux, Richard O'Malley, Mike Roberts, Richard Rocuccio, David Sevegny, William Sivret, and Victor Yablonski.

Sweaters were presented to her team by Girl's Basketball Coach Jessica Mortis. Honored were: Karen Anderson, Jeannine Roy, Judy Bourque, Theresa Superchi, Maureen O'Brien, Christine Seamon, Karen Belair, and Marsha Rines. The Cheerleading squad of Linda Lincourt, Patricia Maillet, Carol Burke, Brenda King, Mary Lyn St. Cyr and Karen Beaudoin were also given sweaters.

Head hockey coach David Halvorsen and assistant coach John Armstrong presented awards to 14 members of their team consisting of Bob Ader, Bill Graves, Jim Morris, Bernie Cote, John Fitzgerald, Don Marsh, John Mollica, Brian Fournier, Mark Sigismondo, Wayne Ronn, Don Tucker, Mike Sigismondo, John MacLennen, and Dave Baldarelli.

Thomas Kolodziejczak, Clement Lanza, Jeffrey Rousseau, and Randy Lozier, members of Carl Tammi's tennis squad, were given jackets by the coach. Coach Bob Gilman presented awards to his golf team made up of John Fitzgerald, Ellis Wayes, Ray Rotti, Dick Clark, Jim Monette, Bob LaFrance, Randy Lozier, Bill Twaite, Richard Harris, and Mike Farnum.

Three members of the Chess Club Robert Woo, Harry Abraham, and Al Hill were presented with trophies. The Ski Club gave a special plaque to David Boudreau for his outstanding contribution to the club, and the Photomont Club presented a cash first prize to David Ingemie for his winning photograph in the club's spring contest. Harry Abraham and Eric Vickery were awarded certificates for their photographs.

The year book staff were presented with mugs for their service. The students included: David Bartlett, Ray LeBlanc, June Waugh, Ralph Higgins, Melissa Kaylor, Linda Sherksnis, Louise Cormier, Myra Greenberg, Steve Kacin, Kathy Graves, and Pauline Leger. Special awards were given to the yearbooks faculty advisors Walter Ballou and Dennis Morrill.

Four staff members of the college's literary magazine were honored: Leni Illinitch, Bob Stone, Floyd Shelton, and Jim Morris. The student newspaper staff was also presented with momentos. The members of the staff were Bob Halpin, Mike Carroll, Bill Daring, Becky Marean, Leni Illinitch, Jon Schrader, Donna Fenimore, Pete Lore, and Steve Baker.

The following members of the student council received mugs for their service: Bob Roy, Dana Peltonen, Leo Baldwin, Kathy LeClair, Lexie Lemoine, Mike Greenwood, Bob Duteau, Bernice Cartwright, Sara Campbell, Peter Lore, Jeannine Roy, Debbie LeBlanc, Fred Lussier, Phil Stowell, Gene Booth, Jean Dennett, Ken Jones, Patrick Cefalo, Valinda Chadbourne, Kathy Verolini, Alan Collette, Eric Vickery, and Mike Carney.

During the recent student elections, the students had an opportunity to vote for their choice of the college's most outstanding teacher. Raymond Rogers of the Business Division and Gordon Massingham of the Humanities Division were selected and were honored at the banquet. Special awards were also presented by the student council to Assistant Dean of Students Halvorsen, student council faculty advisors Gerry O'Brien and Peter Trinchero, student affairs secretary Maryann Langlois, and the council president Peter Lore.

Film Festival Draws Nation-Wide Interest

A large crowd was on hand May 11 to screen the entries for Mt. Wachusett Community College's Third Annual Film Festival. The Festival is unique because it is the only film competition in the United States which features the work of film makers from two-year colleges. Twenty-five films were shown representing ten colleges throughout the country.

Unlike many film festivals, the MWCC festival ran smoothly. Festival Coordinator Gordon Massingham of the Humanities Division and his well-drilled crew of student projectionists and soundmen are certainly to be congratulated for their well coordinated effort.

Three well qualified film experts were selected as the Festival's judges, Thomas Bohn, Stephen Gould, and James Painten. Each judge was given a sum of $100 to distribute to the film makers as they saw fit.

Michael Patti of Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. was the evening's big winner, taking home $155 for his film "Survival." $75 was awarded to Jerrold Nussbaum of Pine Manor Jr. College, Chestnut Hill, Mass., for his film "Rapport." An Orange Coast Community College, film maker Craig Feller of Huntington Beach, California was awarded $20 for his documentary entitled "Know Your Police."

Mt. Wachusett Community College did quite well in the competition. Tom Kolodziejczak's "The Gardner Connection'" won $40, Steven D'Agostino won $5 for "Was It Worth It," and John Casella also won $5 for "Dear Friend."

The other winners of $5 prizes were Robert Chiesa of Modesto Junior College, Modesto, California, and Don Schriber of Skyline Junior College, San Francisco, California for "Mukti."

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ored by the Social Sciences Division.

Thomas Kolodziejczak, Lawrence Gendron, Karen Gifford, and Steven D'Agostino received Student Council Scholarships. Faculty Scholarships were given to Robert Roy, Leni Illinitch, and Peter Lore.

The following students were also presented scholarships: Donald Progen, June Waugh, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships; Thomas Brogan, 10-23 Radio Club Scholarship; Celeste Rajewski, Mary Rahaim Scholarship; Robert Roy Sophomore Class Scholarship; Kathleen Kelly, Wall Street Journal Scholarship; Debra Virta, Mrs. M. E. Jeffrey Scholarship; Peter Lore, Advisory Board Scholarship; David Bartlett, Dean's Key; and Donald Progen, President's Key.

MWCC Biologists Study Primate Behavior

Who is studying who? Could it be that the small squirrel monkey looking through the port hole is conducting his own research project on the behavioral patterns of MWCC biologist Peter Trinchero?

Two MWCC biologists Theodore Filteau and Peter Trinchero are currently involved in a fascinating research project in which they are studying the behavioral patterns of three varieties of monkeys. The study is being conducted for the American Association for the Advancement of Science Chautauqua-type workshops in which the men have been selected to participate.

The research is being conducted at the New England Regional Primate Center in Southboro which houses several thousand primates representing 30 different species. A rather obvious question would be, "Why study the behavior of monkeys?" Professor Filteau responds that "A great deal of knowledge has already been gained from such observations and that by gaining a better understanding of primate behavior we may be better able to understand each other."

Mr. Trinchero states that their goal is not to prove anything but merely to observe the primates behavior. "We may or may not be gathering new data. What we are recording may have been captured before, but you never know when you may document the apes doing something that they have not been observed doing before."

Harvard University is the primary user of the Southboro center. Most of the experiments conducted there are of a medical rather than a behavioral nature. Because of this, there is no attempt to simulate a natural environment in the monkey's cages. Professor Filteau feels that any behavioral patterns observed at the center would have to be related to humans living in an unnaturally restricted environment such as prison.

Armed with still and movie cameras as well as video tape recorders, the men are finding out that a great deal of their time is spent waiting for the monkeys to do something interesting. One of their vigils is designed to record the reactions of adolescent Rhesus monkeys in a socialization cage. The primates are raised in isolation from birth until three months of age, when they are exposed to other monkeys for the first time. It is at this time that they learn to respond and play with each other.

The scientists are also observing facial patterns of expression in squirrel monkeys and documenting the grooming patterns of stump tail monkeys. This characterstic, Professor Filteau reveals is one of the most universal of primate behavioral patterns and is even visible in the most advanced of primate species including man.

The material gathered from the study will be used by the MWCC biologists as part of the behavior unit in the college's audio-tutorial general biology course. A record of all visuals of exceptional quality gathered by Professors Filteau and Trinchero will also become a part of the University of Pennsylvania's extensive archives of primate behavior information.

Directing the biologists research is Dr. C. Ray Carpenter, Director of the Southern Primate Research Center in Georgia. Dr. Carpenter enjoys worldwide fame and is known as "The Father of Primate Behavior Studies," in respect for his unprecidented experiments in the twenties and his establishment of the first primate research station.

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Chairman of the Business Division Professor Joseph Ruth has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Gardner United Community Fund.

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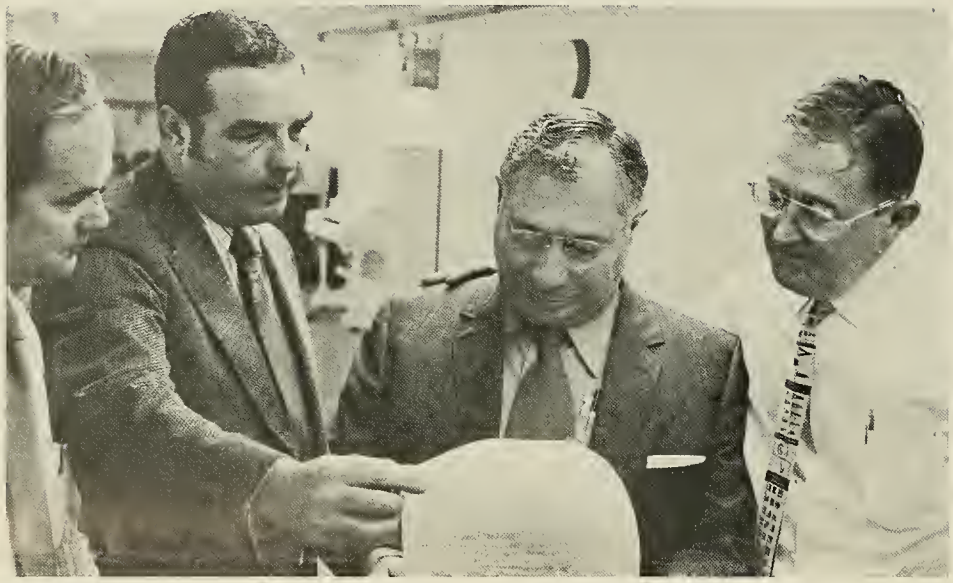
PROFESSOR O. VINCENT PALIOTTI RETIRES



Retiring professor O. Vincent Paliotti (second from right) displays his congratulatory citation from the State Senate to Business Division colleagues (left to right) Carl Tammi, George Murphy, and Division Chairman Joseph Ruth.

Professor O. Vincent Paliotti will retire from Mount Wachusett Community College, on June 30. His retirement is not a result of lack of enthusiasm or motivation, rather Professor Paliotti has achieved mandatory retirement age. Dr. Arthur F. Haley, President of Mount Wachusett Community College observed that few men possess the energy and motivation that Professor Paliotti has displayed throughout his long career. Few of his students will ever forget the personal interest and devotion given to them by Associate Professor O. Vincent Paliotti. The Professor has spent a lifetime devoted to the things he loves — his wife, his music, and his students.

He is a native of Gaeta, a small seaport south of Rome, Italy. His family traces its ancestry back to the thirteenth century Pope Honorius IV, and it was with the hope that he might join the priesthood that his parents named him Onorio Vincenzo Pietro Celestino Paliotti, in honor of his illustrious ancester. At the age of seven, Vinny recalls, "My parents sent me to a seminary, but I ran away after two weeks. It was about the same time that I found out that my real interest was in the violin. I had the best teachers, and I became the best fiddler in Gaeta. I had great dreams."

At the age of 17 after receiving a technical school diploma, Vinny accompanied his mother to Somerville, Massachusetts. "I was in for many surpries. I thought that I was a great musician until I saw musicians such as those playing in the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Upon coming to the United States I went from "la dolce vita" to nothing. In order to survive I had to work 54 hours a week in a box mill while attending school two days a week, and at the same time I kept playing the violin. I was, however, fortunate to be able to study with the great violinist Carmine Fabrizio."

"After a while I was doing well with the violin and I quit my job. I played as a part of musical quartets at the major Boston hotels such as the Hotel Vendome, the Copley Plaza, the Algonquin Club, and the Longwood Towers. I played a bit in movie theaters, but those jobs usually went to the best musicians. When talkies came in, they put me out of business. With the theater pits closing, the good musicians got the kind of jobs I had been taking."

In 1928, Professor Paliotti took the Civil Service exam and landed a job at the Harvard Square Post Office. "I put my career as a violinist aside at this time because I had to eat, and with jobs getting scarcer and scarcer, the Post Office seemed to me to be the best bet."

In 1934 Vinny married his wife Prima. After taking some remedial English courses at Lincoln Prep School, he was accepted at Northeastern University and received an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked at the Post Office at night and attended college during the day and went on to receive a B.A. and Master's Degree from Northeastern in business administration.

Although Professor Paliotti taught economics, purchasing, and principles of business at Mount Wachusett Community College, his broad academic and employment background involved him in the world of science as well as business. He has attended Boston University Graduate School of Economics, Boston State College, Salem State College, and he even has 18 graduate credits in advanced nuclear physics from the University of Bridgeport.

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Mike Greenwood Elected President of Sophomore Class

Mike Greenwood, a 1972 graduate of Gardner High School, was recently elected president of the sophomore class. He was also the Freshman class president and served on the Admissions Committee, Budget Committee, and Calendar Ad-Hoc Committee. Mike is majoring in Public Communications. In addition to his activities within the college. Mike also finds time to serve as president of Gardner Area Youth Council, as secretary/treasurer of the Community Action Council, and as a member of the Steering Committee for Senior Citizens Foundation of North Worcester County.

Robert Duteau, who is also a 1972 graduate of Gardner High School, was elected Vice President of the Sophomore Class. Bob is an unusually ambitious young man majoring in Business Technology. While a senior in high school, he took two courses in the College's Evening Division. He is a Dean's List student, achieving a 3.60 average in the first semester. Bob was a member of the Ski Club, wrote for the college newspaper, and played basketball.

Penny Noyes of Gardner was elected secretary and Alan Collette was chosen as treasurer of the class. Seven members of the class were elected as members at large to the Student Council. They are: Jeannine Roy of Gardner, Eric Vickery of Gardner, Ken Jones of Westminster, Jean Dennett of York, Maine, Cindy Melanson of Gardner, Dennis Mills of Leominster, and Gene Booth of Ayer.

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creased this year alone from 1,328 the first semester to this semester's total of 1,548.

To show the Evening College's continual progress over the last four years, the following comparison is offered. The spring semester in 1970 saw 604 students registered in 24 courses. This semester's 1548 registrations in 82 courses show an increase of 156%; the number of courses increased by 240%.

Many interpretations can be made from the foregoing facts. One fact that does stand out is that the Evening Division is providing a previously unmet need in the communities it serves.

The Evening Division is proud of the fact that approximately 50% of the faculty is drawn from professional and industrial leaders in the community, the remainder is from the regular day school faculty. This interchange provides the proper balance between the academic and the business world which is so desirable for a viable program of Continuing Education.

MWCC Faculty Hold Two Day In-Service Workshops

by L. R. Oldach

The second annual Mount Wachusett Community College faculty in-service workshops were held at the college on May 29 and 30. According to the chairman of the workshop committee Assistant Professor Gerald O'Brien, "The purposes of the workshops were to improve communication between the faculty and administration and to provide an opportunity to discuss various items of importance to the college community."

On the first day of the workshops, the faculty and administration divided into previously arranged discussion groups. The topics discussed included the Career Education Document Information System (CEDIS), faculty motivation, student health and psychiatric counseling, the philosophy of community colleges, contract grading, grades vs. standards, an alternative to the lecture method, an honors program and future in-service meetings. Each meeting was chaired by a faculty member who either gave a presentation or directed the discussion.

The CEDIS program was presented by Norman Oppenheim, who serves as assistant director at the project's headquarters in Andover, Mass. The program involves the retrieval of any of several thousand research reports in the field of education which are recorded on microfilm and stored in Andover. Much of the information comes from ERIC, the educational data bank of the U.S. Office of Education. The documents may be selected by the use of three major indexes: "Research in Education" which covers all areas of education, "AIM" which abstracts instructional materials in vocational technical education, and "ARM" which abstracts research materials in vocational technical education. The Mount Wachusett Community College library subscribes to the indexes and the documents themselves may be ordered on a 24 hour return basis free of charge. The concept was well received and it is planned to acquaint more of the faculty with the service in the future.

The workshops on faculty motivation were chaired by Phebe Smith and Robert Gilman, of the Student Personel Services staff and consisted of an audio tape lecture delivered by Dr. Bill Moore who is an educator with great experience in dealing with the "high risk" student. Dr. Moore emphasized that the faculty bears the responsibility for motivating students. The audio presentation was followed by a discussion of the various points which were brought up.

Chairman of Health Care Division Robert Banks led the discussion on health and psychiatric conuseling, exploring the need for professional counseling for the students of Mount Wachusett Community College. It was noted that a definite need exists, and various possibilities were discussed as solutions to the problem, including hiring a nurse/counselor or contracting a psychiatrist or psychologist who would be available on a referral basis.

President Haley addresses the faculty during the general faculty meeting which was held as part of the in-service workshops. The second day's meetings were held at Monoosnock Country Club.

The goals and objectives of Mount Wachusett Community College which guide the growth of the college were discussed at the workshop on the philosophy of community colleges. Discussion also centered on the proposals for state reorganization of higher education and its role as a facilitator of cooperation between MWCC and other area colleges.

The pros and cons of contract grading, a fairly recent innovation in education, were weighed in a workshop and discussion by Philip Leasure, Ralph Robinson, and Joseph Laudani. This method of instruction purports to further motivate the student by allowing him to work at his own pace to reach a level of knowledge which he has determined to reach at the beginning of the course.

It was decided that the contract grading system cannot work in isolation, and that many students are attuned to the more traditional methods of teaching and are not able to adapt to a system which relies on student self-motivation. In addition, a one semester time period is not enough for some students to achieve their goals. Although this method of grading creates a flexible framework for the student who can pursue personal growth and development, the overriding feeling was that, at the present time, contract grading is not feasible at MWCC.

Social Sciences Division chairman John McLaughlin led the discussion of grades vs. standards. Among the questions discussed were: Do instructors feel pressured to give high grades? Are standards being lowered to maintain body counts? Is the proliferation of high grades and lower standards hurting overall enrollment?

The majority of the faculty involved in the discussion agreed that the system which is in effect at MWCC is adequate. This system dictates that all faculty record their requirements on the course syllabi so that students are made aware how their grades will be arrived at when they begin the course. Should there be a grievance, the student is required to go through the proper channels, which includes an ombudsman committee.

An alternative to the lecture method was presented by Thomas Malloy, who has put together a series of video-taped lectures to be shown to the history of american minority group courses. Mr. Malloy was able to prepare the tapes thanks to a released-time arrangement. The tapes combine lecture with a multimedia background. The main advantage of the taped presentation according to Mr. Malloy, is that it gives an abundance of information in a short period of time, allowing the instructor to spend more time with supplementary material in the discussion sessions. It was concluded that there are definite advantages to this method for courses which are conducive to experimentation.

The honors program workshop discussed the possibility that eligible second semester sophomore students be encouraged to do honors work for 3 or 6 semester credits. Independent study has been tried successfully in many other institutions. There was no concensus on the number of students who would be eligible per semester, however the estimates ranged from 6 to 30.

On May 30, the workshops were concluded by a general faculty meeting held at Monoosnock County Club in Leominster. Each discussion group reported any conclusions which had been arrived at, and some of the groups made

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ALUMNI REORGANIZE

In 1967 the MWCC Alumni Association was first organized and for a period of about four years had a limited degree of enthusiasm and success. During the past two years the Association has been somewhat dormant, but on May 30, at the stimulation of Dean of Students John Hogan, fifty-one graduates attended a reorganization meeting in the college library to try to reorganize and rejuvenate the group.

There was much enthusiasm and many suggestions for future activities, elections, scholarship programs, etc. A steering committee was set up consisting of fifteen members to develop more specific plans, reassess the constitution, and plan for the nomination of officers for the coming year. The following attendees volunteered to serve on the committee: Jean Dodge (72), Jean Webber (72), Daniel Gross (71), Marion (Skippy) Matilianen (68), Ernest Bettez (68), Judy Joseph (72), Nancy Boucher Turcotte (71), Chuck Vail (72), Frances Haine (71), Tony Minichiello (72), Richard Adams (72), Thomas McDonald (72), Marcia McDonald (70, Larry Dignan (69), and Robert Roy (73). Ernie Bettez was chosen chairman of the committee and pledged to keep the group moving to a successful goal of revitalizing the Alumni.

One major difficulty brought out was the problem of keeping current mailing lists. An attempt will be made to make the lists as accurate and as current as possible. All alumni who did not receive a recent letter from Dean Hogan inviting them to the May 30 meeting, apparently have moved one or more time since graduation and their letters were returned to the college unopened. If you happen to be one of these individuals please contact Mrs. Reynolds in Dean Hogan's office, and help us up date your present place of residence. Look for big things to happen with the Alumni in the near future.

ART EXHIBIT HELD

A competition was held in conjunction with the Annual Student Art Exhibition scheduled to continue through May 21st at the Downtown Campus and the Pearl Street Campus. The competition was sponsored by the Student Council and juried by the college's art curriculum coordinator Jean Tandy and art instructors William Gruters and Gene Cauthen.

The first prize for painting was awarded to Michael Shattuck. Michael Remillard won second prize in painting and took first prize honors in sculpting. Third prize in painting and second prize for sculpture was won by Eugene Laford, and Steven Donaldson and Donald Tucker were presented with the third prize in sculpture.

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motions which were passed by the faculty of the whole.

Phebe Smith presented several suggestions which were referred to the Faculty Executive Committee for action. The suggestions were that in-service training be expanded for new faculty; that the administration have increased contact with the faculty; that a faculty meeting be held in the middle of the year so that faculty may share their teaching experiences of the previous semester, that the administration be required to list their objectives and that they be evaluated by the faculty, and that there be an ad hoc committee to deal with problems in communication between administration and Faculty.

Regarding the health workshop, Mr. Banks wished all faculty to be aware that Mrs. B. Oatman, Mr. Bob St. Cyr, Mr. Pete Trainor, Mr. Norman Tandy and himself are qualified for in-depth counseling. He suggested that these people be released from committee assignments to be able to devote more time in this area.

A motion was made and passed at the faculty meeting to look into the purchase of a microfiche reader in support of the CEDIS program. Mr. Mason Parker, Head Librarian, will look into the possibilities.

At the conclusion of the meeting the faculty decided that due to the success of the workshops this year, they should be continued, either in the same format, or as a series of monthly meetings, each devoted to a particular issue.

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The MWCC Ski Club conducted a car wash at a local gas station on June 2. The proceeds from the event will help to defray the cost of the club's planned ski trip to Switzerland next winter.

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SOC Program Begins at Ft. Devens

In addition to the Pre-Discharge Education Program (PREP) at Fort Devens, Mount Wachusett Community College is also engaged in operating a cooperative educational program. In April the college began operation of a Servicemen's Opportunity College (SOC) at the military base in cooperation with the United States Army.

This program presents a wide range of educational opportunities for active duty military personnel and their dependents. Specifically, a Servicemen's Opportunity College is a community college which, through its actions, assumes its responsibilities of meeting the needs of an individual serving in the armed forces.

It is a college that recognizes the need to aid the serviceman in his quest for an educational experience. Generally, in order to meet this need, a SOC will 1) have an admissions policy that is related to the life conditions of the serviceman, 2) eliminate seemingly artificial barriers such as residency requirements which hinder educational progress of the serviceman and 3) provide special services to meet the special needs of servicemen.

Professor Otto Eckardt, the SOC coordinator, announced that the initial class has 65 students with 121 course registrations. The first term will be completed on June 1, 1973. Classes are conducted between 8 to 11:15 a.m. daily Monday through Friday. Professor Eckhardt noted that these classes are being conducted during normal duty time for the soldier. He added that this point best illustrates the importance the United States Army is placing on higher education.

According to the contractor's estimates construction of the new MWCC campus is now 46% complete. Occupancy is planned for September of 1974.

GRADUATION 1973

Dean of Faculty John H. Bassett presides over the ceremonies during Commencement '73.

Sophomore Class President Robert Roy leads the new graduates from the Civic Center at the end of the ceremonies.

Dean of Administration Richard P. Jeffrey awards Debra Virta the Mrs. M. E. Jeffrey Scholarship. The award was donated by the faculty in honor of Dean Jeffrey's mother.

Dr. Haley congratulates Donald Progen as he is awarded the President's Key. The honor is bestowed on the graduating student with the highest academic average. Progen maintained a 4.0 average during his two years at MWCC.

Two graduation traditions are represented by Faculty Marshal John McLaughlin and bagpiper Stuart Paul. Professor McLaughlin holds the MWCC Mace which is the ancient symbol of a college's power to grant degrees. A more recent tradition is the playing of bagpipes at MWCC graduation ceremonies.

ERNEST RAHAIM APPOINTED SUPT. OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

MWCC President Arthur F. Haley has announced the appointment of Ernest J. Rahaim to the post of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. For the past twenty-seven years, the Gardner native and master electrician, has owned and operated the Rahaim Electric Company.

In addition to Mr. Rahaim's extensive business operations, he has been very active in community affairs and as a member of the Gardner Exchange Club, the American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus. He is the Past Exalted Ruler of the Gardner Lodge of Elks and Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks. Mr. Rahaim is currently serving as chairman of the Massachusetts Youth Activity Committee of the Lodge of Elks.

As Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Rahaim will supervise all employees engaged in maintenance and security of the college. He will direct and be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all buildings, for the care and upkeep of the college grounds and inspection of new construction and alterations of existing facilities. In addition, he is also responsible for all campus security functions both in the planning phase and the operational stage.

ERNEST J. RAHAIM

Forty-five spectators looked on as the student produced "Gardner Today," TV show, aired over Montachusett Cable TV, videotaped its last show of the year on location. The crew captured a reunion of area amatuer boxers with their coach at a local tavern. The second portion of the program investigated the resurgence of interest in boxing in the area and was taped at the Templeton Athletic Club. Pictured here (left to right) is co-host Dave Varg, amatuer boxing champs Leo Trombley, Francis Hakkinen, Steve Fournier, Rosaire St. Jean, boxing coach Cy Gallant, and the show's other host Leo Baldwin.

Paliotti . . .

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Prior to beginning his teaching career Vinny worked as an electrical engineer, economic analyst, and a controller of the Halifax Corporation. Before coming to Mount Wachusett Community College where he has been a faculty member for seven years, Vinny taught physics, math, chemistry, and economics at Cambridge High and Latin in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Watertown High School, Watertown, Connecticut.

O. Vincent has been active in many professional organizations such as the National Association of Physics Teachers, the American Economic Association, the Association for Social Economics, and the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He is an active member of Northeastern University's Honor fraternity and his name is listed in the Dictionary of International Biography.

At Mount Wachusett Community College Vinny founded and served as advisor to the Economics Club. The Club under the Professor's guidance has been one of the most active and successful organization on campus. It has sponsored the appearance of senators, governors, economists, and leading broadcast personalities.

His retirement has certainly not gone without notice. President Haley presented Professor Paliotti with a plaque in behalf of the Distinquished Visitors Committee for his years of exemplary service. The students of the Economics Club held a tea for their advisor and the faculty paid tribute to Vinny by awarding a scholarship in Professor Paliotti's name this year to a deserving economics student. He also received citations from the Governor and State Senate upon his retirment.

Vinny admits that retirement will not be easy and that he will miss the College and his daily involvement with the students. But he will undoubtedly be keeping busy with his hobbies of traveling, fishing, violin playing, and he adds, "being a bon vivant." He has already been offered a chair in the Newton Symphony. We hope that Vinny and his wife will enjoy many happy years and continue to give so generously of their many skills and talents.

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